

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in 91 counties from February 2012 to February 2013

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EDITOR'S NOTE: February's preliminary and January's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Feb13charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 28, 2013) — Unemployment rates fell in 91 Kentucky counties between February 2012 and February 2013, while 26 county rates increased and three stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.9 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 6.5 percent; Oldham County, 6.6 percent; Madison County, 6.8 percent; Franklin and Shelby counties, 6.9 percent each; Scott and Warren counties, 7 percent each; Daviess County, 7.1 percent; and Union County, 7.2 percent.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18.9 percent. It was followed by Leslie County, 17.3 percent; Letcher County, 16.9 percent; Harlan County, 16.3 percent; Fulton County, 15.9 percent; Knott County, 15.6 percent; Bell County 15.2 percent; Menifee County, 15.1 percent; Jackson County, 14.9 percent; and McCreary County, 14.6 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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